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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 4, 2007

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2006, Applicants submit this response and respectfully request reconsideration of the examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 up to and including May 4, 2007. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 0162950692) of Baker Botts L.L.P. in the amount of \$450.00 for the fee for a two-month extension of time and for any additional charges necessary for the filing of this response.